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SUMMARY: SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO SOUTH- NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) MEETING TRAVELED TO PYONGYANG ON SCHEDULE MARCH 14. THEY WERE GREETED CORDIALLY IN PANMUNJOM, BUT FIRST SNCC MEETING WAS POSTPONED UNTIL MORNING OF MARCH 15 ON INITIATIVE OF NORTH. END SUMMARY.

1. SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION FOR SECOND MEETING OF SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE LEFT PANMUNJOM AT 1000 AM AND ARRIVED IN PYONGYANG AT 1350 AS SCHEDULED. THEY WERE MET AND CORDIALLY GREETED BY NK REPS AT PANMUNJOM BEFORE PROCEEDING TO PYONGYANG. ROK MEDIA DESCRIBED ATMOSPERE AT PANMUNJOM AS " PERVADED BY HARMONY."

2. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT PANMUNJOM YI HU- RAK SAID HE WOULD PARTICIPATE SINCERELY IN TALKS IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT PARK' S CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO ROK PUBLIC AFTER HE RETURNS. HE

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SAID AGENDA HAD NOT BEEN FIXED. ASKED IF RECENT INCIDENTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED, HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT BEST IF TALKS CONCENTRATED ON " A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS."

3. PYONGYANG DOMESTIC RADIO AT 1030 ANNOUNCED THAT SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION HAD ENTERED THE DPRK TO ATTEND SECOND MEETING OF SNCC, TO BE HELD " IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESPECTED LEADER KIM IL- SONG'S PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENT UNIFICATION."

4. UPON ARRIVAL AT MORANBONG GUEST HOUSE, PAK SONG-CH'OL AND YI HU- RAK HAD PRIVATE 15 MINUTE MEETING, AFTER WHICH PAK PROPOSED TO POSTPONE FIRST SNCC MEETING UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING ON GROUNDS THAT VISITORS HAD MADE A LONG TRIP AND MUST BE TIRED. SNCC OFFICE IN SEOUL INFORMED US THAT YI RESPONDED WITH PROPOSAL THAT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS DISCUSS SCHEDULE AND NORTH CONCURRED. DECONTROL 1-1-74. UNDERHILL

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